



2023 Great Lakes Commission Semiannual Meeting

MAY 23-25, 2023 • THE WESTIN MICHIGAN AVENUE • 909 MICHIGAN AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60611

Agenda

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

12:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Coastal restoration site visits <i>Advanced registration required.</i>
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Wednesday, May 24, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Registration and breakfast <i>Chicago Ballroom (16th Floor)</i>	
8:30 a.m.	Call to order and keynote remarks	Todd Ambs, Great Lakes Commission (GLC) Chair (Wisconsin) Debra Shore, Region 5 Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
8:50 a.m.	Business of the Great Lakes Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll call • Review and approval of agenda • Approval of minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2023 Annual Meeting – October 11-13, 2022 • Small Harbors and Coastal Communities Ad Hoc Committee report • Presentation of resolutions and action items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resolutions Review Committee report 	Todd Ambs, GLC Chair Stephanie Comer, Commissioner (Illinois) Loren Wobig, Commissioner (Illinois)
9:30 a.m.	Executive Director report	Erika Jensen, Executive Director, GLC
9:45 a.m.	Observer comments	GLC Observers
10:10 a.m.	Break	
10:25 a.m.	Remarks by the Chair	Todd Ambs, GLC Chair
10:40 a.m.	State-Federal roundtable: Opportunities and priorities for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan IV	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch <i>Michigan Ballroom (2nd Floor)</i>	

1:15 p.m.	Observer comments	GLC Observers
1:40 p.m.	Coastal resiliency planning and capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework for resilient GLRI investments and Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study • Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands Climate Resiliency Assessment • Support for Great Lakes Coastal and Climate Resiliency • Coastal Resiliency Initiatives 	David Bucaro, Chief, Planning Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District Sean Backus, Manager, Great Lakes Ecosystem Management, Environment and Climate Change Canada Brad Potter, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Bridget Brown, Chief Operations and Programs Officer, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
3:20 p.m.	Break	
3:35 p.m.	Observer comments	GLC Observers
4:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion: Implementing coastal resiliency projects	Moderator: Raj Shukla, Director of Freshwater Policy, The Nature Conservancy Panelists: Alison Branco, The Nature Conservancy New York Chapter Ania Bayers and Cody Eskew, Illinois Department of Natural Resources
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn for the day	
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Reception at the Shedd Aquarium <i>Transportation provided; see flyer for details</i>	

Thursday, May 25, 2023		
7:30 a.m.	Registration and breakfast <i>Chicago Ballroom (16th Floor)</i>	
8:30 a.m.	Call to order and keynote remarks	Todd Ambs, GLC Chair Illinois Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton
8:45 a.m.	Indigenous perspectives on climate change and resiliency	Heather Miller, Director of Tribal Relations and Historic Preservation, Illinois State Museum Sara Smith, Midwest Tribal Resilience Liaison, College of Menominee Nation - Sustainable Development Institute
9:15 a.m.	Keynote remarks	U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (IL)
9:30 a.m.	Preventing invasive carp spread <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandon Road Ecosystem Project 	Scott D. Whitney, Chief, Project Management Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District Loren Wobig, Director, Office of Water Resources, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

10:35 a.m.	Break	
10:50 a.m.	Preventing invasive carp spread (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasive carp action plan and early detection and monitoring • Prevention efforts in Ohio 	Amy McGovern, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Scott Hale, Executive Administrator, Fish Management and Research, Ohio Department of Natural Resources-Division of Wildlife
11:35 a.m.	Business of the Great Lakes Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolutions and action items 	
11:55 a.m.	Invitation to 2023 GLC Annual Meeting	Erika Jensen, Executive Director Ohio Delegation
12:00 p.m.	Closing remarks and adjournment	Todd Ambs, GLC Chair